

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: KTOO FM & TV****Federal Tax ID: 92-0058054****Project Title:****KTOO FM & TV - Critical Studio Equipment Replacement****State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)****Brief Project Description:**

This funding would supply matching funds to replace old audio consoles with digital equipment to support news coverage. Repairs are no longer feasible for outdated equipment.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$202,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds			\$152,000	FY09		
Total			\$152,000			

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

This project would replace seriously outdated studio audio equipment with current digital capability to match industry needs. Matching federal grant funds have already been requested for this project. The manufacturer of current equipment has been out of business for many years, and emergency repairs are no longer feasible due to lack of compatible parts. All other sister stations in Alaska have already upgraded this equipment, and spare parts are no longer available. The need for this project is underscored by the demands of the recent addition of two more public radio stations at the same site, which resulted in all three stations being crowded into the existing facility. Production demands of the new stations exceed what the current equipment can handle, and staff and community volunteers have to work late nights and weekends to produce local content.

KTOO serves as the public radio station for the capital city of Alaska, and provides information on a statewide basis. This equipment supports production of news stories and live broadcasts for statewide audiences. This project has been approved by the KTOO Board of Directors and is part of the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission's approved five-year facilities plan.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09 Capital funding will be expended in FY09 for this project.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

KTOO FM & TV

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



**Request for State of Alaska Capital Funds  
KTOO Radio Studio Equipment**

**KTOO is requesting a capital grant of \$50,000 to match a federal grant for the urgent replacement of critical studio equipment.**

KTOO is applying for a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce to replace old audio consoles and other radio equipment with digital equipment, and to expand our studios from three to five. This Federal grant program would provide \$152,000, or 75 percent of the project cost. Our local match requirement is \$50,000, just 25 percent on the total cost.

The demands of adding two more public radio stations have dramatically increased the urgency. We've crowded the three stations into the existing three control rooms for KTOO-FM. The production demands of the new stations are greater than we can handle, forcing staff and community volunteers to work late nights or weekends to produce local content.

The existing audio equipment is very old, purchased in 1990 and 1991. The manufacturer has been out of business for many years. Emergency repairs have become more difficult because of limited availability of compatible parts. For a number of years, we were able to scrounge parts from our sister stations in Southeast Alaska, as three other stations had similar equipment. However, the other stations have all long since replaced and scrapped the remains. We've used our last available "spare."

As the public radio station in the capital city of Alaska, we have a high level of responsibility for providing coverage of statewide news to other stations. Our reporters are top contributors of stories to the Alaska Public Radio Network, and we routinely use our studios to produce news stories or originate special news programming, including call-ins and live broadcasts, for statewide audiences.

If we can raise the matching funds, this federal grant is an outstanding opportunity to solve a long standing problem at KTOO. This project has been approved the KTOO Board of Directors and is part of the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission's approved five-year facilities plan.

**For more information, contact Bill Legere at KTOO at 907-586-1670.**